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Dear Tommy:

The purpose of this letter is to put on record what I understand we agreed on during our telephone conversation of 13 April, and to bring you, I, Cairns and Mr. Friedman up-to-date on the security situation for SCAMP.

There appear to be three clearances involved in SCAMP:

1. A loyalty check conducted by the Civil Service Commission.
2. A security clearance conducted by the Department of Commerce.
3. A security clearance conducted by NSA.

My understanding is that you are arranging for clearances of type (1) to be conducted through Corona. NSA-16 is conducting clearances of type (3), and I also understand that there is agreement between the Commerce Department and NSA that requirements for clearance (2) will be satisfied on the completion of clearances of type (3) through SECRET.

It is also my understanding that you have received clearances of type (1) for all prospective members of SCAMP except Dilworth, Pall, Albert and M. Hall. Since you stated that you received a firm negative on Dilworth from Civil Service I have asked NSA-16 to look into this matter and to see what can possibly be derogatory. I have also informed them that it is our understanding that Dilworth has a "Q" clearance with the AEC. I hope you are proceeding with Civil Service on the other three.

I have just received a recommendation from NSA-16 that Morris Newman be dropped from further consideration as a SCAMP participant. They also include William Feller in this recommendation. In addition, I informed you on the phone that NSA-16 is not prepared to go beyond SECRET in the clearance of A. J. Hoffman.

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Pending word from you or Cairns I am doing nothing about Newman and Hoffman. However, I should like to point out that NSA-16 has cut us off from Erdos, Kaplansky, Erdosacher and Newman. These are the only people in the United States who, to my knowledge, do work on combinatorics. That is, except for people at NSA. With this thought I take my leave.

Cordially,

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